

U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE LEADERSHIP



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Jacqueline C. Charlesworth is the General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights for the United States Copyright Office (USCO). She was appointed to the position in 2013.

In her position as General Counsel, Charlesworth provides legal guidance to the various divisions and programs of the USCO, including the national registration and recordation systems, and is frequently called upon by Congressional offices, the Department of Justice and other federal agencies for advice and assistance. She also has the primary responsibility for the formation and promulgation of regulations and the adoption of legal positions governing policy matters and practices of the USCO.

Charlesworth joined the USCO in 2012 following several years of private practice at New York City law firms, including Morrison & Foerster, LLP, where she represented copyright owners and users of copyrighted works in litigation, regulatory, and transactional matters. From 2006-2008, she served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the National Music Publishers' Association and from 2001 to 2006 was General Counsel of The Harry Fox Agency, Inc., the leading agency in the United States for the licensing of mechanical rights in musical works.

ABOUT THE USCO

Congress created the Copyright Office in 1897 as a separate department of the Library of Congress. The Register of Copyrights serves by appointment of, and under the general direction of, the Librarian of Congress. Congress enacted the first federal Copyright Act in 1790 in accordance with Article 1, section 8 of the United States Constitution, "to promote the progress of science and the useful arts by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective discoveries."